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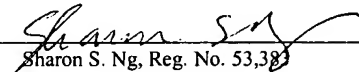
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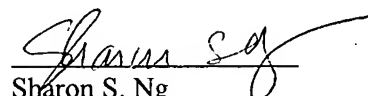
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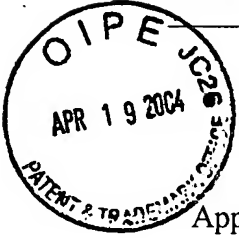
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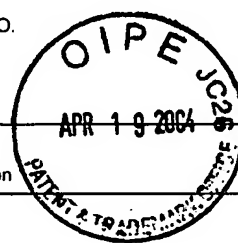
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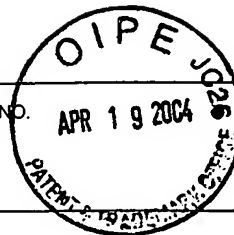
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25	Bruce R. Ferguson: Copending U.S. Patent Application entitled DUAL-MODE PFM BOOST CONVERTER; Application Serial No.10/761,801; filed January 20, 2004 (MSEMI.085A)

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